

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 946

By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Rick Stieg for his meritorious service to the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly specially recognize those citizens who, through technical expertise and hard work, have distinguished themselves as professional leaders and public servants of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable citizen is Rick Stieg, who was recently appointed Coordinator of the Regional Geographical Information Systems Board; and

WHEREAS, in this new position, Rick Stieg will coordinate a concerted effort to integrate computerized mapping information from Shelby County and a number of public and private groups, streamlining county information systems to avoid duplicate information and wasted tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, in response to a breakdown in Shelby County's 911 response system during a 2003 medical emergency, Shelby County Mayor A. C. Wharton created the 911 Emergency Communications Blue Ribbon Committee, appointing Rick Stieg as the committee's Mapper; and

WHEREAS, Rick Stieg and other committee members studied the 911 emergency response system and developed strategies to improve Shelby County's 911 information systems and response time; and

WHEREAS, as Coordinator of the Regional Geographical Information Systems Board, Rick Stieg will integrate Geographical Information Systems technology into 911 emergency dispatch systems which will combine and share information to improve emergency communications and response; and

WHEREAS, Rick Stieg graduated with a bachelor's and master's degree in geology and, before his appointment as Coordinator of the Regional Geographical Information Systems Board, he worked for the City of Bartlett for nineteen years as the Assistant Director of Planning and Economic Development;

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Mr. Stieg donates his time and talents to many noteworthy civic and community service organizations; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family and the people of his community, Mr. Stieg epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Rick Stieg is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Rick Stieg for his meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being appointed Coordinator of the Regional Geographical Information Systems Board, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.